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Tuolumne County Public Health Recommendations in Response to Increase in COVID-19 Cases

When California retired the Blueprint for a Safer Economy it resulted in increased population mobility which results in increased transmission of COVID. The Public Health Department (PH) is seeing an increase in cases in the state, our region, and the County. However, with the emergence of the Delta variant, this rise in cases is markedly more than anticipated.

Over the past week and especially the past few days, Public Health has seen a spike in cases and anticipate further growth over the coming weeks. Public Health is currently addressing several clusters and outbreaks of cases as part of this surge in cases.

As Public Health coordinates with our regional and State partners, we understand that the state has seen a quadrupling of cases and tripling of COVID hospitalizations over the last four weeks. The current case rate in the state is 8.1/100,000 per day and planning for medical surge has again become a focus, during a time when healthcare facilities are already experiencing staffing shortages.

In response to the current situation and in an effort to mitigate the impacts of this rise in cases in our community, Tuolumne County Public Health **recommends** the following actions:

- Wearing a mask by all, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor public settings.
- Testing: those who have close contact with the public are recommended to get tested regularly, about every 14-28 days. If anyone experiences symptoms at any time, they should get tested right away.
- Cooperation with Public Health case investigations, contact tracing, isolation & quarantine as these activities will limit the spread of disease.
- Stay home when sick or having symptoms.
- Vaccination: get vaccinated if not already, finish the vaccination series if not complete.

Thankfully, these measures have limited impact on our economy, and are interventions proven to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus (as well as other respiratory illness).

Public Health would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation as we all work together to protect ourselves, our families, friends, co-workers, and community.